

(ii) said cell expresses a neurofilament protein and one or more fibroblast-specific proteins;

(iii) said cell expresses the neurofilament protein NF200 and is immortalized;

(iv) said cell expresses Oct4 or alkaline phosphatase and one or more fibroblast-specific proteins; or

(v) said cell expresses one or more fibroblast-specific proteins and grows in aggregates, forms colonies, or forms embryoid bodies.

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REMARKS

Applicants provisionally elect the claims of Examiner's Group I and traverse the restriction requirement. In addition, for the reasons explained below, applicants request, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.143, reconsideration and modification of the restriction requirement to combine Examiner's Groups I and VIII into Group I - claims 1, 2, 4, 10, 11, 14-16, 18-23, 26, 27, and 31 and combine Examiner's Groups II and IX into Group II - claims 3, 4, 12, 13, and 17-27.